Balbir Punj Committee on National Youth Policy

2921. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Balbir Punj to help draft National Youth Policy;

(b) if so, what are its terms of reference and by when it is going to submit its Report;

(c) whether the Committee has been asked to review the youth-related schemes and programmes being implemented by various Ministries; and

(d) if so, the details of such programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKIRISHNAN): (a) Government have constituted a National Commission for Youth under the Chairmanship of Shri Balbir Punj *vide* Resolution dated the 15th March, 2002.

(b) to (d) The terms of reference of the Commission are annexed as statement (*See* below). The tenure of commission is six months from the date of its constitution.

Statement

Balbir Punj Committee of National Youth Policy

The terms of reference of the Commission are as follows:

1. To construct and recommend an action oriented strategy and approach for the development of youth and suggest new policy

measures and programmes, which are multi-dimensional and cross-cutting, after an in-depth analysis of the problems faced by them, with particular reference to the problem of youth unemployment, suggesting measures to identify, encourage and build up the capacity of talented youth in the North-Eastern Region.

2. To review existing youth related schemes and programmes implemented by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports as well as by other Ministries/Departments of the Government of India with particular reference to their potential for employment generation and to recommend measures to make them more effective and increase their outreach and coverage in line with Government thinking to cover the entire youth population with one or the other Youth Programme such as NCC, TA, NSS.

3. To conceptualise a frame-work for coordination of youth related activities of State Governments, Ministries/Departments of the Government of India, NGOs and the private sector and to recommend measures for convergence.

4. To look into the recommendations of the Working Groups on Adolescents set up by the Planning Commission and suggest specific intervention strategies for catering to the needs of this group.

5. To suggest measures for the implementation of the Plan of Action of the new National Youth Policy.

6. While framing its recommendations, the Commission shall be guided by a realistic assessment of the resources that can be made available by the Government.

Assistance to Delhi Lawn Tennis Association

2922. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allocated Rs. 2.5 crore to Delhi Lawn Tennis Association, for development of tennis infrastructure for the tennis events of proposed Afro-Asian Games;